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Reconsideration of this application, as amended herein and the Amendment filed on March 23, 2007, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 21 has been amended to correct "updated by said data updating means" to "acquired by said data acquisition means" to make the recitation of the "validity condition setup means" accord with the recitation of the "inhibiting means".

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 21 is clarifying in nature only. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendment to claim 21 be approved and entered.

THE PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For the Examiner's reference in considering the accurate English translations of the priority documents submitted with the Amendment filed on March 23, 2007, the claims are considered to correspond to the priority documents at least as follows:

Claims 1-7, 13-19 and 28 :	JP 2002-324781
Claims 8-10 and 20-24 :	JP 2002-324757
Claims 11, 12 and 25-27 :	JP 2002-343724.

Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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